

2.30 p.m. Assemble at St. John Soane's Museum, 13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.2. Built by Sir John Soane as his private residence, it contains his collection of antiquities and works of art. A talk will be given by the Curator, Sir John Summerson.

Transport: Kensington Palace.
Underground to High Street Kensington or
Bus 9, 12, 49, 52, 73 or 88.
Sir John Soane's Museum.
Underground to Holborn or Chancery Lane or
Bus 6, 9, 13, 15, 22 or 25.

Tickets: 2/-, which may be paid to Mrs. Chiles on the day of the outing.

EXCAVATIONS AT WESTON WOOD, ALBURY

AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY MISS JOAN M. HARDING

THURSDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1965 at 8 p.m.

Miss Harding will show slides of her excavations at Weston Wood, Albury to the HOLMSDALE ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP and will describe the discoveries. The talk will be given at the Museum, Croydon Road, Reigate. Members of the S.A.S. who have not had an opportunity of seeing these slides are invited to come to the meeting.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

AND

BOURNE SOCIETY

MEETING No. 10 THURSDAY, 2nd DECEMBER, 1965

Treasure Trove

An Archaeological Entertainment

will be held at 8 p.m.

in the Children's Department

Purley Public Library, Banstead, Road, Purley.

(3 minutes Purley Station, 1 minute Purley crossroads buses car park off Purley High Street 3 minutes).

The audience will challenge a distinguished panel of archaeologists and local historians — and the panel will challenge the audience!

BRING SOMETHING OLD OR CURIOUS TO TEST THE PANEL

Will all members, particularly those who live in the area, make an effort to be present as this is the first meeting that the Bourne Society have arranged for the S.A.S.

ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY IN SURREY

PLACE NAMES

A LECTURE BY DR. G. J. COPLEY

THURSDAY, 2nd DECEMBER, 1965 at 8 p.m.

S.A.S. Members who would like to attend this lecture, arranged by the NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY, should contact Mr. M. Morris, 28 Seymour Road, Ewell.

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Members are reminded that the new Annual Subscriptions, due on 1st January, 1966, agreed at the A.G.M. held on 3rd April, 1965, are as follows:-

1. Ordinary and Institutional Members — £2. 0s. 0d.
2. Associate Members — 10/-.
3. Junior Members — 10/- (or £1. 5s. 0d. if Annual Volume of the Collections is required).

Members paying by Banker's Order will shortly be sent an amended order form to fill in revoking previous orders which should be returned to Castle Arch.

D. J. COLEY, *Hon. Treasurer.*

EXCAVATION NOTICE

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: LATE BRONZE AGE SETTLEMENT

(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Excavation will continue during the first two weekends of November, December and January. Details were given in the October *Bulletin*.

Enquiries to: Miss Joan M. Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell.

(Telephone: MUSEum 3644, ext. 330).

In the August Bulletin the first of a series of articles on the work and organisation of neighbouring societies appeared. The article below is the second and is written by the Chairman of the Kent Archaeological Research Groups Council. Mr. Penn is also a leading member of the C. B. A. Group IIA committee.

THE KENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH GROUPS' COUNCIL

Most counties have a number of groups who excavate a variety of sites but are frequently unconnected with each other. This is unfortunate since there is often over-lapping of effort, little co-operation and lack of knowledge of what each one is doing.

Such a situation obtained in Kent until a year ago when, with the growing number of groups actively engaged in field work, it was felt that some sort of association should be created to co-ordinate the activities of field workers. This was regarded as all the more urgent in view of the immense amount of building and road construction work necessitating emergency action.

Thus the Kent Archaeological Research Groups' Council (K.A.R.G.C.) was inaugurated which now comprises 17 active field groups in the County. Membership is open to all engaged in field work, although this does not necessarily involve "digging". It should be stressed that one of the fundamental principles of the Council is that "no rules shall prejudice the freedom and independence of a society".

The constitution provides for five officers, a general committee of seven responsible for the day-to-day work of the Council (comprising representatives from each group) and sub-committees to implement specific policies. At the moment the principal functions are emergency work, the publication of a newsletter and the organisation of conferences.

Under emergency work, the County has been divided into units, one for every group, each one of which will normally be expected to deal with situations arising in its own area. However, provision has also been made for outside groups to help in areas other than their own on request from the "home" group. All responsible organisations in the County (police, libraries, schools etc.) are being instructed what to do if a find is reported to them and which group to report to for action. Thus every effort is being made to ensure that nothing is missed.

The first newsletter has already been published, its object being to disseminate rapidly information and to keep groups in contact with one another. Publication four times a year is envisaged. Conferences are to be held twice a year when results of work will be reported and discussed. The first conference under the auspices of the K.A.R.G.C. has already been held.

Thus the K.A.R.G.C. is now functioning actively and is already proving its value which will undoubtedly become increasingly apparent as time goes by. Eventually the Council may attempt some co-ordination of research work, but it has been thought advisable for the time being to concentrate on emergency, newsletter and conference.

In the County the K.A.R.G.C. works in close association with the Kent Archaeological Society to which it is a complementary body. On a wider basis the K.A.R.G.C. is a member of the C.B.A. and Group 11A so that it will be closely connected with Surrey. There is no reason why emergency work schemes should not operate "over the border" and the K.A.R.G.C. is always willing to help. Exchange of information between the Counties could also be useful as evidenced, it is hoped, by this note.

W. S. PENN.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Churchyards : Educational projects

In view of the untoward amount of churchyard clearance now going on, it is timely to bring to wider public notice the importance of grave stones as part of our heritage of fine carving as well as being of inestimable value to the student of genealogy and local history. In view of this Mrs. Pamela Burgess is advocating the study of churchyards and their monuments as an educational project by which school children can learn local history. Mrs. Burgess has produced an exhibition for the Surrey Museum Loan Service to Schools on this theme.

(F. Burgess).

Cobham : Beacon Keeping

The Cobham churchwarden's book states that in 1593, 3s. 4d. was "paid to the beaken kepinge." This figure seems to indicate a sum shared equally by other parishes. Have any neighbouring places similar entries, and where was the beacon?

(T. E. C. Walker).

Farnham : Discovery of medieval pottery (SU 84034683)

Medieval pottery has been found during excavation at the rear of the Westminster Bank. No archaeological observation was possible under the prevailing conditions.

(H. G. A. Booth).

Farnham : Residential Course

A residential course on "Archaeology: Recent Discoveries" will be held at Moor Park, Farnham, from Friday, 18th - Sunday, 20th March, 1966. Details and names of tutors will be known later, but it is hoped to present a picture of the more interesting recent discoveries, both in this country and abroad. It is hoped that one lecture will describe the recovery of further treasures of Roman Civilisation in Britain, and another recent discoveries in the ancient cities of Jericho and Jerusalem. If possible a visit will be arranged to an excavation near Farnham.

(E. S. Wood).

Ockham : Curries Clump (TQ 079587)

(See *Bulletin* No. 4). Of Currie's Clump — possibly the "clump" of E. Horsley Court Rolls 1790 (in Guildford Muniment Room) — Dr. Eric Gardner, F.S.A. and (*Sy.A.C.* XXIV.53) that it was "a conical mound rising 23 feet above ground, surrounded by a low rampart and ditch about 300 yards in circumference; it is almost too big for a barrow and would probably repay investigation". The *List of Antiquities in the Administrative County of Surrey* (1935) calls it a tumulus; the 1951 edition calls it a barrow and marks it as recommended for addition to the Ministry of Works list of scheduled Monuments. (The 1965 edition deals with it in like manner. See list No. 3339.—Ed.)

The name is clearly derived from William Currie, Lord of the Manor of East Horsley 1784-1829, in which manor the mound lay. This rather suggests that the mound owes its origin to planting operations "An Analysis of Surrey Barrows" (*Sy.A.C.* XLII.41, 42) records a low mound covered with trees on Ockham Common a few yards S.E. of Currie's Clump. The paper also mentions a mound on the Ockham-Cobham boundary; it is described as a circular earthwork with outer ditch looking like a recent tree-planting earth-bank, although there are no trees within it — almost certainly it is not a barrow. None of these mounds has been excavated.

(R. N. Bloxham).

Reigate Heath : Neolithic axe (TQ 237502)

John Scanlon, of Reigate, has found a fine Neolithic axe of black flint in a rabbit burrow on Reigate Heath. The axe is 10.4 cms. long. Ian Longworth of the British Museum states that the axe shows deliberate blunting round the sides achieved by polishing, no doubt to assist in the hafting. There is slight damage and blunting to the cutting edge, probably due to use.

The finder has very generously donated it to the Society's collection at Guildford and the discovery will be reported fully in the *Collections*.

(D. J. Turner).

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Visits Committee have been able to arrange the following visit.

MEETING No. 9

SATURDAY, 13th NOVEMBER, 1965

LONDON MUSEUM and SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM

11.00 a.m. Assemble at the London Museum, Kensington Palace. Exhibits illustrate the history of London from the earliest times. There will be a talk on the history of the Palace by the Curator.